GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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ROAD CONNECTIVITY TO MAJOR PORTS .
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide road connectivity to the major ports in the country;

(b) if so, the specific steps taken to provide road connectivity to Paradip Port in Orissa;

(c) whether any Central assistance is being sanctioned to improve the existing roads connecting the Ports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project for improving the road connectivity to Paradip Port envisages four laning of Chandikhole - Paradip (km 0 to km 77) section of NH-5A. The contract for the project was awarded for an amount of Rs. 327.77 crores and the construction commenced on 19.02.2004.

(c) and (d) The Central assistance to the Port Connectivity projects is equity and sub-debt provided by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to the Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) set up to implement the projects. As per the financial plan Rs. 531.52 crores has been planned for nine SPVs as equity contribution from NHAI and Rs. 384.85 crores as sub-debt from NHAI.